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SUBJECT: UNESCO 98TH SESSION OF EXECUTIVE BOARD: ISRAELI

MEMBERSHIP IN EUROPEAN REGIONAL GROUP

REF: STATE 191153

1. AMBASSADOR CONSULTED AUGUST 13 WITH HECTOR WYNTER, WHO SAID HE APPROVED INITIATIVE TO INTRODUCE A RESOLUTION ON REGIONAL ORGANIZATION ACTIVITY TO AGENDA OF 98TH EXECUTIVE BOARD. HE READ LANGUAGE OF SUGGESTED RESOLUTION (PARA 4 REFTEL) AND HAD NO SUBSTANTIVE PROBLEMS WITH IT ALTHOUGH HE FELT THE LANGUAGE "NEEDED TO BE TIDIED UP."

2. WYNTER SAID IT WOULD BE BETTER IF SOMEONE OTHER THAN
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THE U.S. INTRODUCED THE ITEM, AND SUGGESTED THAT BELGIUM

WOULD BE PERFECT FOR THE ROLE BECAUSE OF ITS "CLEAN RECORD",
AND POSITION TO WORK WITHIN THE EUROPEAN GROUP. SUPPORT
FOR THE ITEM SHOULD FIRST BE SOUGHT IN THE EUROPEAN
CAPITALS, AFTER WHICH THE LOBBYING EFFORT CAN BE BROADENED
TO INCLUDE OTHER COUNTRIES, BUT ESPECIALLY EGYPT. RUNNING
THROUGH THE AREAS, WYNTER THOUGHT THAT PRE-EXECUTIVE BOARD
CONSULTATIONS WOULD BE USEFUL WITH THE FOLLOWING COUNTRIES:

A. LATIN AMERICA - ARGENTINA; BRAZIL; CHILE; COLOMBIA;
URUGUAY

B. ASIA - IRAN; JAPAN; PHILIPPINES

C. AFRICA - EGYPT; GHANA; UGANDA; UPPER VOLTANTA; ZAIRE

D. EUROPE - AUSTRALIA; BELGIUM; WEST GERMANY; UNITED KINGDOM

3. WYNTER FEELS THAT THE MAIN THING FROM THE TACTICAL
STANDPOINT IS NOT TO BRING UP THE ITEM EARLY IN THE SESSION.
HIS RECOMMENDATION IS THE FIRST WEEK OF OCTOBER. HE
DOES NOT WANT TO DIVIDE THE BOARD ON THIS ISSUE AND
WOULD RATHER DEFER THE ITEM UNTIL NEXT SPRING, IF AS
A RESULT OF CONSULTATIONS A DIVISIVE FIGHT APPEARED
INEVITABLE. WYNTER CONSIDERED THE ARABS' LACK OF SUCCESS
WITH THE AFRICANS AT THE RECENT OAU MEETING AN ENCOURAGING
SIGN AND COMMENTED THAT THE TENSIONS OF THE MOMENT IN
THE MIDDLE EAST WILL HAVE THE MOST PROFOUND EFFECT ON THE
CLIMATE OF THE MEETING.

4. FOR USDEL UNESCO: WYNTER WILL BE IN HIS PARIS OFFICE
ON AUGUST 25 AND LOOKS FORWARD TO MEETING WITH US REP
JONES SOMETIME THAT DAY.
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